

WAR SECRETARY QUIZZED ABOUT ARSENAL RUMOR

Baker Interviewed on Alleged Contemplated Wholesale Reduction in Arsenal Working Force.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker granted a 30-minute interview at the Blackhawk hotel in Davenport at 2 o'clock last night to a committee from the Rock Island real estate board, the members of which were appealed to by Rock Island arsenal workmen to ask Secretary Baker to clear up rumors that the war department is considering the reduction of the working force at the arsenal from 7,800 to 1,800 employees.

T. B. Reddy, president of the Rock Island real estate board, said today that large numbers of arsenal employees have gained knowledge of the rumor, and that men who have made it their business to keep track of the affairs at the arsenal, have announced to him serious worry over the situation, which was claimed to have been brought about by statements from various sources that there are grounds for the fear of sweeping reductions in the working force. These men asked Mr. Reddy to name a committee to call on Secretary Baker.

In response, Mr. Reddy said today, he named Joseph Prendergast and C. E. Williams, now in the real estate business, but formerly well acquainted with arsenal affairs, to accompany him in an effort to gain a denial of the rumor from Secretary Baker.

Mr. Prendergast served at the arsenal as traveling examiner for the United States free employment service in the reconstruction period directly after the war. Mr. Williams was closely affiliated with the arsenal during the war.

These men, together with Mr. Reddy, were granted an interview with the secretary last night, but failed to get either an affirmation or a denial of the rumor, Mr. Reddy said today.

Mr. Reddy said that this rumor also included the alleged contemplation of the war department to shut down or to remove a number of departments, and to have what work the government intends to get out performed in some degree by private concerns.

Baker Reticent.

Mr. Reddy spoke of Secretary Baker's reticence on nearly every phase of the arsenal situation. However, relative to the rumored reduction of the number of employees, Mr. Reddy quoted the secretary as saying: "It is very probable that the war department in the reconstruction of its affairs may be called upon to reduce the working force at the Rock Island arsenal."

However, Mr. Reddy said that the secretary would offer no prediction as to what extent such a reduction might possibly be carried out.

Mr. Reddy said that Secretary Baker told the committee that he was very favorably impressed with the arsenal, and volunteered the statement that government work could be carried out there with great success.

On all other phases of the situation he remained reticent, Mr. Reddy said.

In commenting on the committee's interview, Mr. Reddy said that while realizing that Secretary Baker was not at liberty to make known any plans of the war department, the committee, nevertheless, was greatly disappointed that he could not clear up the rumor over the vast reduction in the arsenal working force. Mr. Reddy declared that the arsenal is a \$200,000,000 plant and that this community could ill afford to see a big reduction in the working force or the removal of any appreciable number of departments.

WATERLOO SHADES ROCK ISLAND IN POPULATION MARK

Washington, April 2.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included:

Murphysboro, Ill., 10,411, increase 2,226, or 21.3 per cent over 1910.

Waterloo, Iowa, 36,230, increase 3,537, or 9.7 per cent.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., 13,828, increase of 6,723, or 10 per cent.

Long Branch, N. J., 13,521, increase of 223, or 1.7 per cent.

INDIANS OFFERED OWN ARMY UNIT

Washington, April 2.—Chairman Wadsworth was authorized today by the senate military committee to introduce an amendment to the military reorganization bill providing for the enlistment of not to exceed 10,000 American Indians as a separate unit of the army. Upon discharge they would have all the rights of American citizens in addition to their tribal rights.

SIR GREENWOOD NEW SECRETARY FOR ERIN, REPORT

London, April 2.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, under secretary for home affairs, has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland, according to official announcement this afternoon.

Sir Hamar succeeds Ian MacPherson, who resigned yesterday.

(Sir Hamar Greenwood, the new chief secretary for Ireland, was born in Canada in 1870, and received his education in that country. He served in the war from 1914 to 1916, in the latter becoming attached to the staff of Lord Derby, at that time the war minister.)

Cabinet Member Amazed With Extent of Arsenal



—Photo by Lewis

The Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, and Colonel Harry B. Jordan, Commandant of the Rock Island Arsenal.

"I would regret very much," said Secretary Baker last evening to a representative of The Argus, "to see the operations on the Rock Island arsenal curtailed at all. I was amazed with the extent of the plant. I am filled with pride at the magnitude of the place, at the magnitude of the shops, and at the efficiency with which it filled the country's need. Talk of removal of departments from the arsenal does not emanate from the general staff but from the chief of ordnance."

Rumors of local loss of from five to six thousand men affected by the contemplated removal of other departments from the Rock Island arsenal were set at rest by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker in speaking to a representative of The Argus last evening in an exclusive interview at the Hotel Blackhawk, where Secretary Baker is a guest during his 2-day inspection of the arsenal.

"It is just possible," said Secretary Baker, "that the cloth and leather department will be moved to Jeffersonville, Ind., in order to make room for vastly more important industries from Rochester, N. Y., where a temporary arsenal for the manufacture of machine guns

and automatic rifles was erected during the war. The number of men now employed in the harness department does not exceed 150."

In an endeavor to gain an inkling of the intention of the government in future plans for the arsenal, leading questions brought nothing but reiteration of statements made earlier in the day by the secretary.

"Nothing definite can be said as to the future of the arsenal, or whether it will be necessary to vastly reduce the number of men."

"That all depends," said the secretary, upon congress and its appropriations to carry on the work after July 1, next. The whole trend of congress at the present time is to economize unless the money is provided to go on with the various industries at the arsenal, of course, they will have to cease."

"For my own part, I would regret that very much. Notwithstanding that, in the last analysis, congress must be given the credit of being right in its determination to curtail as far as possible in order to meet our war obligations and make up for the enormous expenditures incurred during the time that we were active participants in the war."

Personal Points

Francis Ralston arrived yesterday from Chicago, where he is attending Rush Medical college, to spend a few days at his home, 935 Nineteenth street.

Miss Alice Ullmeyer of 1812 Thirty-second street is recuperating after an operation which she underwent last week.

Mrs. Vorn Brinkerhoff and daughter of Detroit, Mich., arrived yesterday to visit with her mother, Mrs. Cora Ralston, 935 Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Arthur A. Burt and little daughter of 929 Seventeenth street have returned home after spending the last two months at Citronelle and Mobile, Ala.

Miss Helen Shafer has returned to Clinton after spending the Easter vacation here. She was accompanied home by Miss Catherine Burt of 630 Twelfth street.

Walter Beck, a student at the University of Illinois, is home to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Beck, 2911 Sixth avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Wheelan, 537 Nineteenth street, returned this morning from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they have spent the last month.

Mrs. Paul Andreen of Des Moines is spending a few weeks visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, in Moline, and her husband's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Andreen of this city.

Prof. Edward T. Maurus of Notre Dame university is spending the Easter holidays at his home, 2000 Twelfth street.

Miss Jean Welch is home from the University of Illinois to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Welch, 918 Twentieth street.

George Ullmeyer of 615 Forty-fourth street, a student at Notre Dame university, is spending the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ullmeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bodendstedt have gone to New York where they will make their future home.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Changes in the younger boys' locker rooms were authorized by the house committee of the Y. M. C. A. at its monthly session last evening. Crowded conditions throughout the younger boys' department have been curtailing the work of the association for some time and it is expected that extensive improvements will be made there this spring.

The executive board met for luncheon this noon to receive the report of the nominating committee. Five of the board members' terms expire in May and the names

GERMAN YOUTH OF CHAMPAIGN HELD BY U. S.

Champaign, Ill., April 2.—Bernard Gerdman, 18, a native of Germany, is being held here on the charge of having violated the United States immigration laws. He was arrested at the home of an uncle, Dick Altman, wealthy land owner.

The lad attended school in Germany during the war. He learned English and through correspondence with relatives here, became interested in American agriculture. He escaped from Germany into Holland, where he was compelled to sell his personal effects to buy food. He came to the United States as a stowaway and on Nov. 5, 1919, jumped from Nieuwe Amsterdam and swam ashore. His uncle sent funds and he came here.

During the winter he worked in a local department store. A few weeks ago he went to the farm and was there when he was arrested. He is being held in jail while arrangements are being made to have his bond accepted by Washington authorities.

DIVORCE IS ASKED FROM WIFE WHO WAS MARRIED TWO TIMES

Setting forth that his wife, Ethel Ikard, was a married woman at the time she was joined in wedlock with him, Floyd Ikard of Rock Island, filed suit in circuit court today for divorce. Her marriage to Ikard took place in California on Sept. 15, 1914, the petition states. Ikard relates that he later discovered that Mrs. Ikard had been married to a man named Will Gillespie on March 5, 1914, and had not secured a divorce from him.

Arnold Vandersloot of Moline asks legal separation from his wife, Nellie Vandersloot of Moline on grounds of desertion. They were married on Feb. 12, 1912.

NOTED JESUIT TAKES RAP AT WOMEN'S DRESS

London, March 27.—Prevailing fashions in women's gowns were vigorously assailed in a sermon recently by Reverend Bernard Vaughan, the widely known Jesuit father, whose essays and sermons on morality and home life have for the last 20 years attracted international attention.

"In days gone by ladies dressed for dinner, now they undress for it," he declared. "Women's clothing ought to serve the three purposes of decency, of warmth and of ornament. Women in their mad craze for what is known as 'emotional gowns,' sin against every canon of good taste. Such dresses are immodest, unhealthy and as ugly as they are expensive. Girls who follow the up-to-date fashions are ruining their own and their neighbors' souls as well as their own bodies."

WINTER DISPELS SUMMER CLIME

(By United Press.)

Chicago, April 2.—Summer weather in middle western states was routed today with rain, hail, wind and snow storms.

Chicago awoke today to find bleak weather, followed by a light fall of snow and gusts of wind. Snow blizzards were reported from Kansas, North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

SWITCHMEN NOT AUTHORIZED TO QUIT, LEE SAYS

Cleveland, Ohio, April 2.—W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, when told of the strike of 700 switchmen and tender men in Chicago, said the strike was unauthorized and illegal and that the laws of the brotherhood would be fully enforced and every effort would be made to carry out the contracts of the organization.

10,000 POOR IN VIENNA RECEIVE EASTER BASKETS

New York, April 2.—Easter gift packages of American food have been distributed to more than ten thousand poor families in Vienna, according to a cable message received here today by the American relief administration, European children's fund.

More than fifty thousand persons have received food from the warehouse in Vienna through the medium of food darts sold in America, it states. Chancellor Karl Renner of Austria, is reported to have endorsed the project.

DOPE CRAZED MAN SHOOT ONE AND ROBS TWO WOMEN

St. Louis, Mo., April 2.—William Jaggie, a huckster, ran amuck in a busy business section of the city today and shot one man, beat another, robbed two women of small amounts of money and himself was shot before being captured.

At a hospital physicians said Jaggie's frenzy was caused by an overdose of narcotics. A crowd pursued Jaggie and one of the pursuers shot him in the back as he fled a bullet in the right knee of Peter Roebel, a passerby.

SWAP FOODSTUFFS.

Paris, April 1.—(French Wireless Service.)—An agreement has just been signed by the Yugoslav and Hungarian governments for an exchange of foodstuffs for railway rolling stock, according to advices from Belgrade.

Obituary

Mrs. Adam Kramer.

Mrs. Adam Kramer, 75 years old, 718 Fourteenth street, a resident of this city for half a century, died at 6 o'clock this morning after an illness of several months' duration.

She was born in Germany March 27, 1845, and came to America, locating in Rock Island with her first husband, John Meyer, in 1875. Mr. Meyer died 22 years later. Two years after his death Mrs. Kramer was remarried to Adam Kramer in this city.

Mr. Kramer and her two sons, Fred and John Meyer, all residents of Rock Island, survive. Mrs. Kramer is also survived by 11 grandchildren; William, Anna, Margarette, Marie, Elsie, Freda, Josephine, Ida, Rose, Fred and Caroline Meyer residing in South Rock Island.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning at St. Mary's church. Rev. J. Francis Uehlein officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary cemetery.

Dallner Funeral.

The body of James Dallner, 2500 1/2 Fifth avenue, who died early yesterday morning, was sent last night to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where interment will take place at the Mt. Pleasant Catholic church tomorrow morning. Mr. Dallner had one brother, Peter, residing in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Emma Julia Gross.

Mrs. Emma Julia Gross, 2812 Eighth avenue, died at her home last evening at 6 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. Her death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Gross, whose maiden name was Emma Julia Zwicker, was born in Richland Grove, Mercer county, Ill., March 5, 1886. She was married in Richland Grove June 25, 1912, to Alfred W. Gross. Shortly after their marriage the couple removed to this city where they have since resided.

Mrs. Gross was affiliated with the Evangelical association of Richland Grove where she took an active part in religious affairs. She had many friends in this community who will mourn her death.

The husband and three small children: Llewellyn, Alfred Elywin and Phrona Kmemerle of Rock Island; two brothers, Otto and Fred, and one sister, Mrs. William Seitz, all of Richland Grove, survive.

Funeral arrangements have not been made but interment probably will take place in Sherrard, Ill.

Mike Fraeuliger.

Mike Fraeuliger, 83 years of age, a resident of Davenport since 1904, died at his home on the West Locust street road this morning. He was a native of Alsace Lorraine, France, where he was born in March, 1837. He was married there in 1871, and came with his wife to this country in 1886.

There survive four children, one of whom, Mrs. John Sues, is a resident of Rock Island. Two remaining daughters are Mrs. Frank Sues of Davenport and Mrs. Wendell Mennerich in Louisiana. One son, Joseph, is at home. Funeral plans are not yet completed.

SPAIN ROYALTY OBSERVES HOLY WEEK IN POMP

Madrid, April 1.—Extreme brilliance marked holy week ceremonies at the Royal Palace today. Escorted to the palace chapel by a guard attired in gala uniforms, King Alfonso, Queen Victoria and Queen Mother Marie Christine attended mass. The men were in full regalia of the various orders of knighthood, while all the ladies wore white mantillas.

Later the king washed the feet of 12 men, while the queen performed the same office for 12 beggar women, who, after the sovereign had broken bread with them, left the palace bearing baskets of food.

SHOE WORKERS TIE UP SHOPS OVER DEMANDS

Marblehead, Mass., April 2.—Demands of Turn Shoe workers for increased wages will tie up the shoe industry here, according to announcement by manufacturers today. The Parker Shoe company closed its shops to its 250 operatives, and the Herbert Humphrey & Sons company announced it would shut down tomorrow night. The latter employs 600 hands.

The Plane Shoe company, which formerly had 250 workers, has been closed for two months.

The Parker and Humphrey companies' managements announce that it would be impossible to operate if they granted any considerable part of the increased demands. The advances sought, they said, averaged 100 per cent. Some of the workers now receive upwards of \$50 a week, according to the companies.

EX-ARMY SURGEON TO ASSIST PERU

Lima, Peru, April 1.—Major General William C. Georges, former surgeon general of the United States army, sailed today on the way to New York, Belgium and West Africa after having accepted a five year contract with the Peruvian government to direct an extensive sanitation program here.

The retaining fee to be paid General Georges will be \$15,000 a year.

BELA KUN ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Vienna, April 1.—Bela Kun, former Hungarian dictator, and his companions, who have been in jail here, have ended their hunger strike which began when the Austrian government refused to consider their demand for freedom, according to the newspaper Abend.

SOUTH AMERICANS COMMEMORATE PACT

Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 1.—President Alfredo Baquerizo Mon-

tero today started for the border between Ecuador and Colombia to meet President Marco Suarez of Colombia. Together they will lay the cornerstone of a monument to commemorate the signing of the treaty July last, defining the boundaries between the two countries. All the news all the time—The Argus.

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New blouses of georgette, sheer voiles, organdies, etc.: \$19.75 down to \$1.39.	Ladies' new spring suits, \$75.00 down to \$39.00.
New petticoats, some silk taffeta, \$10.98 down to \$5.98.	New spring dresses: Taffetas, georgettes, messalines, foulards, all sizes, all the wanted colors and styles, worth \$35.00 for \$25.00 each.
	New overall aprons of good ginghams and scout percales, neat attractive patterns: \$3.50 down to \$1.50 each.

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